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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
AFTER FINAL ACTION, UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to an Office Action mailed April 28, 2004, made final, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Request for Reconsideration, Under 37 CFR §1.116. Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, extending the shortened statutory deadline for response to April 30, April 28 falling on a Saturday. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims proposed herein would present claims rejected in the Office Action in a better form for consideration on appeal, in accordance with §1.116, should appeal become necessary. Applicants request reconsideration of the claims of the present patent application, after amendment as proposed herein below, in view of the following remarks: